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C H R I S T L U T H E R A N C H U R C H

Hill Street, Near Charles,

Baltimore, Maryland.

To the Reverend Oscar F. Blackwelder, Roanoke, Virginia:
Grace, Mercy, and peace from God our Father and Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Christ Lutheran Church of Baltimore, Maryland, being destitute of an active pastor, and the stated Means of Grace which God has appointed for the salvation of souls, in the retirement of our dearly beloved Pastor of thirty-eight years, Dr. L. M. Zimmerman, and being satisfied of your piety, literary attainments and ministerial qualifications, the undersigned are authorized by and on behalf of the same to inform you that the said Congregation has elected you, and in the fear of God, calls you to become its Pastor and spiritual teacher, to teach the word of God, adminster the Sacraments, attend to the catechization of the young, maintain Christian discipline, keeping in mind specially the work of the Pulpit and the care of the sick and afflicted, and perform all the other duties of the Gospel Ministry according to the Word of God and the rules and usages of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, your services to commence on July 1st, 1925.

To encourage you in the performance of the duties of the pastoral office, we are authorized to promise you, on behalf of the said Church, proper attention, obedience and love in the Lord, and to free you from worldly care, while you are laboring for our spiritual good, as well as to make you a suitable compensation for your ministerial services, we further have the authority to state that your salary shall be at the rate of $5,000 (Five Thousand Dollars), annually, in monthly installments, and also allowing you two months' annual vacation, if you so desire it.

May the Lord incline you to come and labor among us in the fullness of the blessing of the gospel of peace.

Given under our hands this 10th day of April, 1925.

(Signed) Adolphus H. Weaver Treasurer
Edwin L. Boesche Secretary

The above call was extended to Rev O. F Blackwelder on Sunday morning April 19/1925 after congregation had voted to extend this call.
At this same meeting of April 19/1925 the Congregation voted to make Dr Zimmerman Pastor Emeritus

Virginia Heights Lutheran Church
OSCAR FISHER BLACKWELDER, PASTOR
MISS MARY ELIZABETH PROPST, CHURCH SECRETARY
Roanoke, Virginia

April 30, 1925.

Mr. Edwin L. Boesche, Secretary,
Mr. A.H. Weaver, Treasurer,
CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH,
Baltimore, Maryland.

My dear Brethren:

I have considered most seriously the unanimous call to become pastor of Christ Church, voted April 19th and signed for the congregation by you.

I am deeply conscious of the tremendous responsibility in following a man like Dr. Zimmermann. I realize also the remarkable opportunity.

I now have the privilege to officially accept your invitation, on the terms indicated in your written call, effective July 1st, 1925, with the pulpit arrangements for the summer months as Dr. Zimmermann has planned.

May God's best blessings be with us always. May the wonderful spirit of cooperation and friendship which has characterized the history of your great congregation be constantly continued. Assuring you of my deep appreciation of your confidence and awaiting the opportunity of labors in your Church and City, I am,

Fraternally yours,

Oscar Fisher Blackwelder

(Copy to Mr. Boesche.)

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Lutheran Church of the Reformation

Washington, D. C.

Oscar Fisher Blackwelder

Twenty Years on Capitol Hill

Today we mark the Twentieth Anniversary of Dr. Oscar Fisher Blackwelder's ministry in our Parish. On October 22, 1933, a new page was turned in the life of Reformation Church. The challenge of building a new Sanctuary demanded immediate action and on January 27, 1935 this building was dedicated. The Church of the Reformation stands on Capitol Hill as a living symbol of the Christian religion for the world today, because of the consecration, courage, and dreams of you, our Pastor. Our congratulations and heart-felt appreciation we express to you today. Our lives are richer because we have been inspired by your preaching; many have joined the Church during your ministry and have been challenged to live fuller lives because of your earnestness.

The outward evidence of the congregation's growth is only a reflection of the members' spiritual attainment as they have worshipped, studied, shared and served during these twenty years of your ministry.

You were instrumental in uniting the St. John's Congregation with Reformation and the completion of the St. John's Parish House is the realization of your dream.

Dr. Blackwelder, you have not only enriched our Congregation but you have shared so abundantly your time and talents with the United Lutheran Church in America and with all Protestantism in our country. Worshippers from all over the world have found their way to Reformation and have been enriched for their daily duties. During the war, the constant demand of Service Personnel for your spiritual ministry shall never be forgotten.

Our words feebly express our sincere appreciation for all you have meant to our families in hours of joy, days of sorrow, and when the going was hard. Heaven is nearer because you have interpreted the meaning of life and the love of God to all who are a part of the Kingdom of God on Earth.

May your unselfish life, given to build a downtown church, ever shine as a beacon so we, in our way, may also obey the Master's command "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

God bless you and keep you.

MINISTERIAL ACTS FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

Baptisms

Lynne Sharon Gauss
Paul Martin Stousland
Cheyl Lee Robinson
Douglas Wayne Benway
Judy Katherine Rex
Lou Minear Popham
Kathleen Ann Crump
Lida Jeanne Wright
Cynthia Patrice Mangubat
Andrew Roger Rasmussen
Joseph Francis Meek, Jr.
George Herman Meyer
John Patterson Wray
Raymond Nelson Cradlin

Weddings

Louis Herman Cooper and Clara Rose Wagner
James Perry Harris and Jane Louise Vigness
Richard Clifford Felix and Lula Frances Robinson

Funerals

Mrs. Henrietta M. Kaufman
Mr. Cornelius H. Failing
Mrs. Puah Catherine Whitley
Mr. Ralph Steele Brothers
Mrs. Mary E. Streitz

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* Indicates those who are not Council members. First named of each committee is chairman.

Morning Worship at 9 o'clock

Prelude—"Passacaglia"
—Charles Cliff
Call to Worship
Processional Hymn 202
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Epistle : Ephesians 6:10-17
Gospel: John 4:46-54
The Apostles' Creed ..... page 17
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Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
Offertory—"Sanctus in the 6th Mode" —Russell Woollen
Anthem—"Unto Thy Temple Lord"
—Gretchaninof
Chapel Choir
Doxology
Prayer
Hymn 383
Sermon—**"The Christian's Armor"**
—Dr. Robert E. Van Deusen
The Benediction
Recessional Hymn 379
Silent Prayer
Postlude—"Et in Spiritus Sanctam"
—Woollen

Morning Worship at 11 o'clock

Prelude—"Passacaglia"
—Charles Cliff
Call to Worship
Processional Hymn 420
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* * *
Epistle : Ephesians 6:10-17
Anthem—"The Royal Banners Forward Fly" —Schimmerling
The Cross upon them cheers the sky where on our Maker hung in human form, by anguish wrung. He was wounded bitterly by that dread spearthrust and there His life in blood He spilt.
Gospel: John 4:46-54
The Apostles' Creed ..... page 17
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Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
Offertory—"Sanctus in the 6th Mode" —Russell Woollen
Anthem—"Behold now, praise the Lord" —Everett Titcomb
Chancel Choir
Doxology
Prayer
Hymn 303
Choral Prayer —Choir
Sermon—**"When God Comes In"**
—Dr. Blackwelder
The Benediction
Recessional Hymn 361
Silent Prayer
"Sevenfold Amen" —Stainer
Postlude—"Et in Spiritus Sanctam"
—Woollen

Evening Worship at 8 o'clock

Prelude—"Fantasie in G Minor"
—Bach
George Koehler, Organ
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"Eile, Mich Gott Zu Erretten"
Kleine Geistliche Konzerte
—Heinrich Schutz
Jule Zabawa, Baritone
"I do Rejoice in all my Sorrow"
Cantata No. 58 —Bach
"On my shepherd I Rely"
Cantata No. 92 —Bach
Peggy Zabawa, Soprano
Assisted by
Jan Turkiewicz, Violin
Offertory—"Pastorale" —Bach
Anthem—"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" —Bach
Choir, assisted by
Capitol Woodwind Society
Choral Prayer —Choir
Meditation—**"Faith that Sings"**
—Dr. Robert E. Van Deusen
"Divertimento No. 1" for 2 clarinets and bassoon —W. A. Mozart
Capitol Woodwind Society
"O my God, forsake thy people nevermore"—Cantata No. 79
—Bach
Jule Zabawa and Peggy Zabawa
The Benediction
Recessional Hymn 295
Silent Prayer
"Sevenfold Amen" —Stainer
Postlude—"Allegro Maestoso"
—Handel

* * * Late arrivals will be seated by the ushers at the indicated points.

The Flowers on the Altar are placed by the congregation in appreciation of Dr. and Mrs. Oscar F. Blackwelder's Ministry in Reformation Church.

The Flowers on the Re-Table are placed by Burns C. Downey in loving memory of his wife, Evelyn T. Downey and son, William Burns Downey.

The Flowers on the Organ are placed in loving memory of Edward A. Tripp and Henry E. Tripp by Mrs. E. A. Tripp.

The Flowers on the Re-Table last Sunday were from the wedding of Richard Clifford Felix and Lula Frances Robinson.

TODAY

9:00 to 12:00 Noon **Nursery School and Care for Infants.**

9:00 A.M. **Children's Worship** (ages 6-11) "Luther Becomes a Monk" —Sister Pearle
Music for Children (under 6 years) in the Beginners Room.

9:30 A.M. **Children's Woship** (under 6) "A Bible is Found" —Sister Pearle
Music for Primary in the Junior Room.
Music for Juniors in the Junior Room.

10:00 A.M. **Graded Classes for all ages.**

11:00 A.M. **Children's Worship** (under 6 years) —Sister Pearle
Graded classes, creative activities, and music for children (6-11)

11:30 A.M. **Children's Worship** (ages 6-11) —Sister Pearle
Graded classes, creative activities and music for children (under 6 years)

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, 6:30 P.M. **Business and Professional Women's Group Dinner-Meeting**. Catherine von Bora Luther is the subject of the address. During the dinner we will have glimpses into the Luther Home and hear some of the "table talk" in the Manse. Leave your reservations in the Church Office today.

Wednesday, 10:30 to 4:00 P.M. **Red Cross Sewing Group**.
7:30 P.M. **Prayer Group** meets in the former Children's Chapel.
8:00 P.M. **New Members Class** meets in the Junior Room.
8:00 P.M. **Parson Memorial Sunday School Class** will meet in the Fireside Room. Hostess is Mrs. Mettie Lyle.

Thursday, 5:00 P.M. **Youth Night.** Junior and Senior Confirmation Classes.
5:00 P.M. **Chapel Choir Rehearsal**.
6:15 P.M. **Dinner and Fellowship Hour** for the above groups. Dinner Committee, Mrs. Arthur Crow, Mrs. Harry Crow, Mrs. Walter Bowman, and Mrs. Walter Krug.
7:00 P.M. **Senior Luther Leagues.**
7:00 P.M. **Intermediate Luther League Halloween Party**.
8:00 P.M. **Chancel Choir Rehearsal.**

Friday, 12:10 to 12:30 P.M. **Noonday Service in the Chapel.**
8:00 P.M. **Reformation Singers Rehearsal.**

The new property of the **Lutheran Deaconess Home and School** in Ruxton, Maryland, will be dedicated on Tuesday, October 27, at 8:00 p.m. Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, President of ULCA, and Dr. Harry Baughman, President of Gettysburg Seminary, will be the speaker.

The film **Martin Luther** will be shown at the Dupont Theatre beginning October 28.

OUR INVITATION

We extend a most cordial welcome to visitors and newcomers among us. New Member's Class meets each Wednesday at 8:00 P.M. in the Junior Room.

Name .....

Address ..... Telephone .....

Please Check

☐ Would appreciate call ☐ Desire to unite with Church

☐ Desire conference with Pastors ☐ Visitor

☐ Have children eligible for Church School.

New Choir Members Needed

Anyone interested in singing in one of our choirs, or in playing instruments, please contact Mr. Zabawa immediately after the services, in the Narthex or downstairs in the Choir Room. Our program this year is an extensive one. We need all voices.

USHERS FOR TODAY

9:00 A.M.

C. L. Chilcutt, Captain

W. H. Fletcher
W. A. Helsel
G. E. Keagy
D. R. Koiner
B. C. Taubersmith, Sr.

11:00 A.M.

R. S. Crum, Captain

A. E. Crow
T. A. Curran
L. W. Daasch
L. E. Dixon
W. R. Hardesty
H. K. Howes
G. E. Manger
A. P. Rasch
W. F. Herrmann
N. V. Hepner
J. F. Wheeler

8:00 P.M.

J. F. Hutson, Captain

R. E. Arble
A. C. Crawford
J. W. Crow
W. C. Jacobson
C. F. Kimbrell
H. B. Murphy
Ray Stephens

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Hajime Inadomi, *Sunday School Parish in Osaka, Japan*

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Organist: George Koehler *Sexton*: Robert F. Wyatt

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"SUNDAY VESPERS," Sunday, September 12, 1943
A Presentation of the Blue Network Company
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From whatever condition we come, O God, lead us this day beyond it, into Thy Presence; through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THIS IS A YEAR FOR GREATNESS

A Radio Address by Dr. Oscar F. Blackwelder
Lutheran Church of the Reformation, Washington, D. C.
1943 SERIES OF LUTHERAN LAYMEN'S RADIO COMMITTEE

I want to speak with you this afternoon on the theme, "THIS IS A YEAR FOR GREATNESS."

There are perhaps three outstanding dreams that most men live for. There are those who live to be secure. There are those who live to be loved. There are those who live to be significant. I've thought a long time about those three longings of the human heart and I have come to one conclusion. A man will never be secure in this kind of a world until he fulfills the conditions of security. A man will never be loved until he fulfills the conditions of being loved. A man will never be significant within the Christian framework of personality until he fulfills the conditions of significance. All three of these add up to the same total. That total reads—a man must be truly great if he is to be secure, if he is to be loved and if he is to be significant.

But what is a great man? Let's draw a clear distinction between a great man and a famous man. Many great men are famous but most great men are not. A moron, for example, thanks to high-powered advertising, can have a national reputation in thirty days. But that will not make him great. And, further, notice that greatness does not mean a difference in kind but in degree. Thus a man may be great on a one talent pattern or a five talent or a ten talent. You see all true greatness is cut off the same cloth.

I am indebted to a friend for three words by which to describe, it seems to me, a truly great person.

The first of these three words is GOOD. A man must be good if he is to be great. Before a man can be professionally great, or intellectually great, or politically great—he has to be a great person. In other words, greatness is moral before it is social, intellectual or professional.

And now comes one of the hardest questions in the world. What is a good person? There is perhaps more unanimity of opinion on the make-up of the stars than on what constitutes a good life. How is this for a practical, working answer? A good man is one who deserves to be trusted. He may not be trusted but he deserves to be. That's the fundamental mark of a good man. So a much more essential word than love is confidence. It is the root from which love grows, blossoms and blooms. Let's illustrate this idea.

A famous queen is said to have made this prayer, "O God, keep me innocent, make others great." The queen evidently forgot that innocence is impossible and that greatness includes goodness as its first constituent part. What I think she really said was, "O God, keep me good, make others great." But she overlooked the fact that greatness includes goodness as its first ingredient.

One of my Washington parishioners said to me, "I would have more confidence in my surgeon if I did not know so much about his personal life." Precisely. It is often tragic that many public characters in their private lives are not as well balanced as in their public performances.

I am thinking of another Washington friend who is able to do his work in about eight languages. A young lady said to me recently, "My, he's a great man. He can read eight languages." To which I replied, "Yes, he is a great fellow but not because he can speak eight languages, for you see he could be a liar in all eight." In like manner, the test of a man is not whether he can do higher mathematics but whether he is honest in simple arithmetic. So, professional skill must be preceeded by personal excellence if a man is to be truly great.

Well, here is where Jesus comes in. You remember the line in the old hymn, "He died to make us good." I believe it is fair to say that no other person or influence in history has produced so many dependable people as has Jesus. From a social point of view alone He justifies Himself by the production of dependable men and women, folks you can trust.

One day Simon Peter had a moment of special penitence and unworthiness and cried out to Jesus, "Depart from me for I am a sinful man, O Lord." And of course that is exactly what Jesus would not do. He stayed by Peter, started a private revolution in Peter's life and out of it came a character of rock. He can do that for us, too.

The Psalmist prayed, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." That prayer was never really answered until Jesus came. He pulls triggers in men's consciences. He gives them sharpness of moral judgment. He makes men good. So, a man must be good in order to be great, and he really can be good only by the help and grace of Christ.

But a man may be good for nothing, so as we try to analyze a great man there is a second word to describe him. He must be good for something. That means he must be USEFUL.

These are days of adversity, especially for young people. They are the world's chief sufferers. And such days of adversity for every one of us are times to examine our motives, our ambitions and our desires. What are you and I living for? In days when so many are giving their lives and their health and their future for others, the question must go home to every one of us. What are we living for? What is the meaning of life, anyhow? Let's try to get at that question.

The first purpose of an education is to enable a man honestly to earn a living. For those of us with normal health and strength the first description of a useful man is one who is able to carry his own weight and pull his own load. Who, except weaklings, want to be guaranteed security from cradle to grave? But the test of usefulness is not simply to carry our own load. We must carry it with a margin. Tell me how much you can do and are doing beyond actually supporting yourself and your family and I will tell you how useful you are. The world only gets forward upon the shoulders of men and women who support themselves plus. Isn't that the principle of Jesus? "Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven" . . . "What do ye more than others?"

I want to enter here a word of caution and reserve. There are many folks with physically frail bodies, known to society as shut-ins, whose beds of affliction have become community and family altars. We light our torches at their candles. We refresh our spirits at their springs. They may seem a burden and a liability but I am personally acquainted with so many sick and shut-ins that I know they often render a spiritual, an inspirational, a courage-building contribution to all who contact them. Even though they are physically frail, they share that intangible something which moves men's hearts. So shut-ins are not exceptions to the principle I am pleading for—they illustrate it.

There is an inscription on a government building in this town which reads, "Justice is the foundation of society." I don't believe it. Men who only do justice meet their fellow-men half way but they don't build a better world. Men who bless society—the discoverers, the inventors, the pioneers, the creative spirits, the saints—don't stop with doing justice. The clash of mutual self-interest doesn't make the world better. The kind of people on whom this world gets ahead are those who do justice with a great big plus.

Suppose everybody in the world were able to carry their load unaided and did just that, do you think the world would get anywhere? I don't think so. It would simply beat time. You see the world gets on upon the shoulders of people who do carry their load with a margin.

There are some outstanding illustrations, of course—men with great margins, who illustrate the principle. Take Thomas A. Edison. I suppose he could have supported his family with an hour's work a day but the world is richer because he often worked, as I understand, 20 hours a day. . . . Dr. George Washington Carver, the great negro scientist, could have met his simple wants with a few moments work each day but the world is far richer because he toiled in his laboratory not only to the second mile but to the 70th mile. . . . Well, that's the principle which every one of us must seek to follow. Carry your load with a margin. And that measures our usefulness. How useful are we?

These are days which compel us to get our thinking straight. Consciences will haunt us, when we think of the suffering and sacrifices of others, if we do not come clean with life.

May God save us from being minimum persons. And what is a minimum person? He is one who lives for food, shelter, sex and position. Such minimum persons make the moral derelicts. Lord, save us from being the boaster, the bully, the easily angered and the selfseeker. You see the business of Christ is to make maximum persons.

I believe the following formula will stand the test. Assuming a man is normally healthy, if he is lazy, indifferent and selfish, it is proof that he is out of touch with Christ. No man can be in touch with Christ and lose his initiative. Christ sharpens a man's personality. He puts a cutting edge on his talents. If you want to see a glorious example of what I am trying to plead for—look at Madame Chiang Kai-Shek. Read her confession of faith. You simply don't produce people like Madame Chiang Kai-Shek apart from Christ. That's His mission in the world.

So there are those who hold that the unstable ages are the creative ages. May this be an age like that. And a man cannot be a creative thinker unless he begins with his own motives, ambitions and desires.

Rise up, O men of God
Have done with lesser things.

Lesser themes for lesser days—let's be big. And I ask you this afternoon, how big is your margin? To be useful by the grace of Christ is to be great.

But there is at least one more word to say. A man may be good and he may be useful and have only a present tense. But a great man has, also, a future tense for he has achieved the sense of destiny. That means COURAGE.

You may recall the story of that little group of travelers who were huddled around a camp-fire on one December 31 as they watched the old year pass out. One of them lamented his vanished gold, another, his faded honors, a third, his false friends and the fourth, his lost loved ones. But the last one said his piece in a verse.

Sad losses ye have met
But mine is sadder yet
The believing heart
Is gone from me.

May I tell you why that is life's greatest loss? The outstanding need of us all today is courage without hate. And how are you going to get it? By whistling in the dark? I don't think so. By clinching your fists and determining to see a hard job through? That helps. By the cocktail hour? I don't think so. Here is the real secret of courage. Tell me what and whom you believe in and I will tell you your courage. Let's see how that works!

Opinions are ideas men hold but convictions are ideas that hold men. Great ideals, great ideas, eternal principles, convictions based on these principles, are the hands of God by which He holds men and makes them brave. So, tell me what and Whom you believe in and I will tell you your courage.

A little while past I heard Stanley Jones use words like these, "I don't know how this old world is coming out but I believe that the future belongs to those who belong to Christ." The poet was right: "Till Thou hast bound me fast I am not free"—nor brave.

Every night these times before I go to sleep, as far as I can control my last fading thought, I try to say this over to myself,

"Change and decay in all around I see,
O Thou who changest not, abide with me."

The man whom Christ holds has the secret of abiding courage. He can believe in the high and eternal when the low and tragic are around him everywhere. He is sure that something eternal is getting done in the midst of this painful and difficult world and he is struggling to find out what is going on and share in it to the full. He believes each man has a part to do in history assigned by the One who presides over all history.

For ten years I have worked on Capitol Hill in Washington. Next to my own study my favorite spot on the Hill is the lighted dome of the Capitol building. Since Pearl Harbor the dome has been dark. Frequently I work at my Church late in the evening. A few months ago on a specially dark night as I rounded the Capitol near midnight, with the sky as black as ink, one glorious star hung o'er the Capitol dome. I got out of my car. That star seemed to say to me, "You love this dome?" And I answered, "I certainly do." The star seemed to reply, "I am only part of the light that never will be blacked out. I am part of the light which the darkest night cannot put out. Follow my light and Him of whose light I am only a part and get as many others as you can to follow, too. Then some day this dome you love may be relighted again."

So let us be great—great by the grace of Christ. That will mean to be good, to be useful, to be courageous.

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8 to 11 P. M.

Please reply to church office on or before August 28th, 1926, where cards of admission can be secured.

Admission by card only

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Succeeds Dr. Zimmerman As Christ Church Pastor

THE REV. OSCAR F. BLACKWELDER

Mr. Blackwelder has accepted the unanimous call extended him by Christ Lutheran Church, Light street, near Charles, and will take charge July 1. He has been the pastor of the Virginia Heights Lutheran Church, Roanoke, Va., for the last five years. He succeeds the Rev. Dr. L. M. Zimmerman, who organized Christ Church thirty-eight years ago.

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Noon-Day Services Attract Throngs

Noon holy week services are attracting crowds to Otterbein Church, Conway and Sharp-sts, the oldest church in Baltimore.

Rev. Blackwelder

The preacher today was the Rev. Oscar F. Blackwelder, pastor of Christ Lutheran Church.

Tomorrow the Rev. J. Emerson Hicks, pastor of First Baptist Church, will preach, and on Friday the minister will be the Rev. Andrew H. Neilly at noon and the Rev. S. C. Enck at 8 p. m.

The services were arranged for the South Baltimore section by the Federation of Churches.

"THE City Radiolians," which is a mouthful for even the suave Norman Pierce of WMCA, New York City, are one of that station's newest attractions. Last night I happened to tune them in and they showed themselves adept at the voicing of less frantic harmonies and displayed notable skill in making orchestral dance music. The announcements were in verse and might conceivably been more foolish. The sprightly and subdued doings of the harmonies, however were worth staying for, even in this day of two-man song acts. Try remember to tune them in sometime when you seek variety.

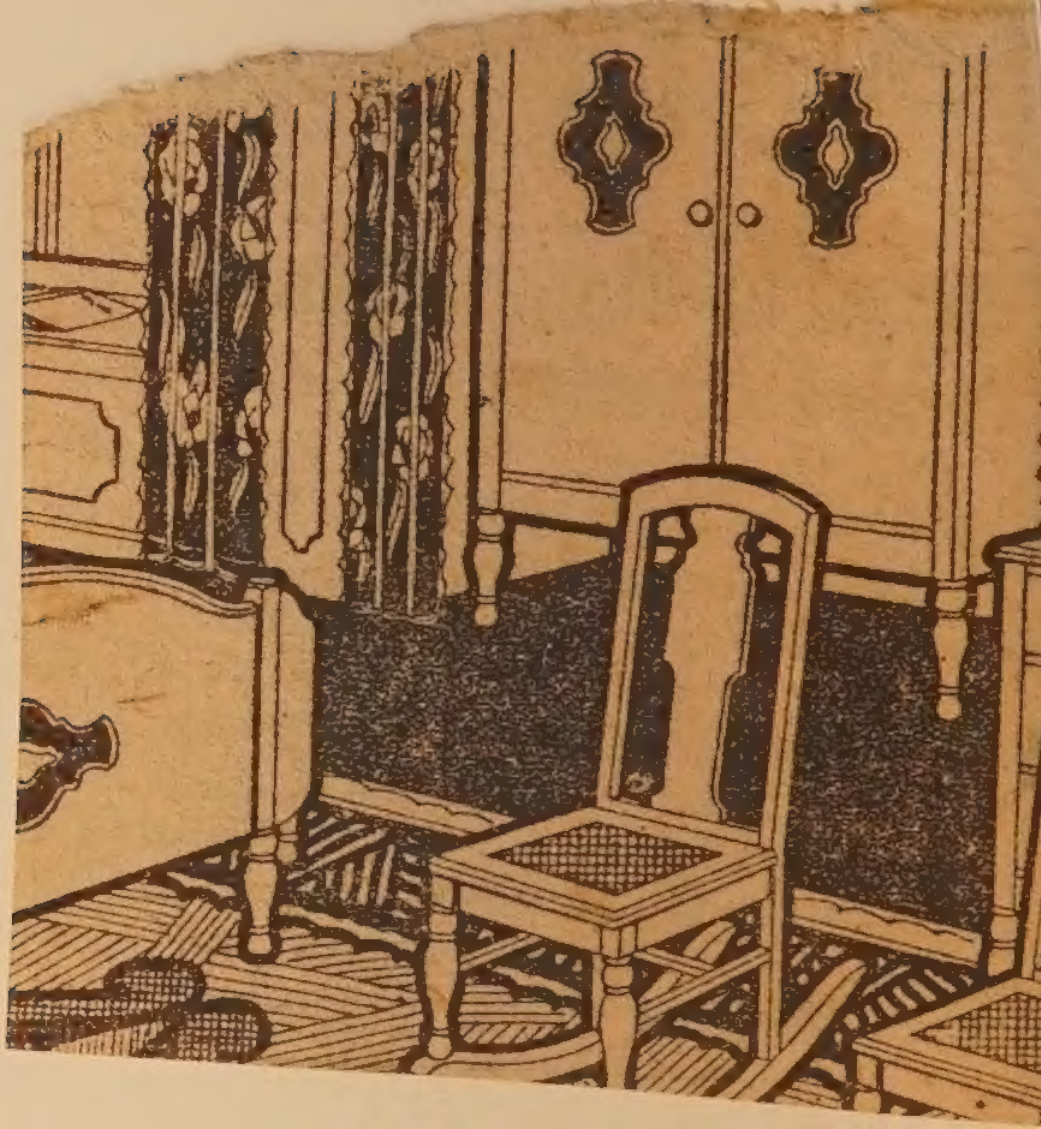
The legend of Sleepy Hollow, that whimsical tale made memorable by Washington Irving, was presented last night from WEAF as the sixth of the Soconyland sketches. A tale

Robert Yeats

Christ Lutheran Church Pastor Married

The Rev. Oscar Fisher Blackwelder, pastor of Christ Lutheran Church Baltimore, was married to Miss Geneva Lionberger at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Lionberger, Roanoke, Va., yesterday.

After touring the Great Lakes and taking a special course at Columbia University this summer, the Rev. Dr. Blackwelder will resume his pastoral work at Christ Church.



Pastor and Bride

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DR. AND MRS. O. F. BLACKWELDER

MARRIED in Roanoke, Va., yesterday, Dr. and Mrs. O. F. Blackwelder motored to Baltimore, where they boarded the Merchants and Miners' steamship Chatham for Boston. Dr. Blackwelder is successor to Dr. L. M. Zimmerman as pastor of Christ Lutheran Church. Mrs. Blackwelder was Miss Genieva Lionberger of Roanoke.

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MR. PUTTER - WILL YOU GO IN THE LOCKER-ROOM AND FIND OUT WHAT IS KEEPING MR. DOOGE - MR. FAIRWAY AND MY HUSBAND?
I'LL LET YOU KNOW RIGHT AWAY - MRS. JIGGS -
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REV. BLACKWELDER RESIGNS PASTORATE

To Leave Christ Lutheran Church To Accept Post In Washington

ALSO PLANS TO TEACH

Has Been Active Here In Organization Work—Group To Seek Successor

At a meeting yesterday morning of the membership of Christ Lutheran Church, the resignation of the Rev. Dr. O. F. Blackwelder, its second pastor in forty-six years of existence, officially announced by Dr. Blackwelder in the course of his morning sermon, was accepted to take effect October 15. The Rev. Dr. L. M. Zimmerman, founder of the church, presided.

Dr. Blackwelder will become pastor of the Church of the Reformation, Washington, with a membership of 400, as compared with a membership of about 2,000 at the local church.

Tells Of His Decision

Relative to his plans for the future, Dr. Blackwelder said:

"I should rather serve Christ Church, Baltimore, than any large Lutheran Church in America. But after most mature consideration, I have decided to accept the call of a smaller church for the next period in my life.

"In addition to the appeal of serving the Church of the Reformation in Washington, to be relocated soon on Capitol Hill, adjacent to the Congressional Library and new Supreme Court Building, I hope to have the chance and time for the personal study necessary to complete my preparation for my ultimate plan of doing at least part-time college teaching."

Dr. Blackwelder for seven years has been a member of the executive committee of the Baltimore Federation of Churches. For the past year he has served as president of the Interdenominational City-Wide Ministers' Association and also president of the Lutheran Ministers' Association.

His Other Activities

He is a member of the board of directors of the Kiwanis Club, and for five years was a teacher in the Young Men's Christian Association Tuesday Night Club. He is a member of the Interchurch Club, and has served on the executive committee of the Lutheran Inner Mission Society.

Dr. Blackwelder has served Christ Church for more than eight years, coming to Baltimore after his first pastorate in Roanoke, Va. He was graduated from Roanoke College and the Southern Lutheran Seminary, Columbia, S. C., and received the degree of doctor of divinity in 1928 from Susquehanna University, Pennsylvania.

Under Dr. Blackwelder's pastorate, Christ Church has grown substantially.

Dr. Zimmerman announced that a committee of thirty-five had been set up to secure a new pastor. Meanwhile, Dr. Zimmerman will preach at the Sunday morning services.

The Sun Paper Monday morning, September 18, 1933.

SCREEN

"Beauty For Sale" On Screen At The Century. "Tomorrow At Seven" At The Hippodrome

"Beauty For Sale," now showing at the Century Theater, is a spacious romance built on the safe old theory that a girl should not think of love without making the man think of marriage. Like so many other variations on the same theme, it develops a paradox. The good girl, who spurns the man she loves because he happens to be married to somebody else, is shown mooning about with a $20-a-week moron for company; the bad girl, who goes in for sugar daddies and midnight parties, is shown shopping for mink and side-trips to Paris. The author—Faith Baldwin—assures one that naughtiness doesn't pay and in the next scene shows that it does.

Despite the glamorous settings, many of them in a Fifth avenue beauty salon; the flitting in and out of numerous pretty girls, and the presence of Alice Brady and Otto Kruger in the cast, "Beauty For Sale" has, as the title suggests, a certain cheapness and vulgarity about it. It is not a bad film! it is merely a bit too lush and too stickily romantic.

Madge Evans, with her fixed smile reminiscent of the toothpaste ads, is too vapid a beauty to stand so many close-ups. Una Merkel, in the role of the bad girl, takes the picture away from her without half trying, and makes it a good bet for Merkel fans. Alice Brady in turn steals the picture from Miss Merkel, with far fewer scenes. As the neurotic wife, Miss Brady shows the youngsters in the cast what acting is all about.

Mr. Kruger, one of the better stage comedians, is getting off to a slow start in films, but should get there just the same. Handicapped by a weak and hackneyed part, he makes it stand out during the first few scenes. After the role turns serious on him, he goes down to defeat under a mass of bad writing.

"Tomorrow At Seven"—

A routine thriller is "Tomorrow At Seven," now showing at the Hippodrome Theater, and the tricks and dodges of Magician Thurston, stage headliner, are greatly to be preferred to those of the hero of the picture. Thurston has brought many of his first-rate illusions with him and may be sure of a welcome from his many friends of all ages in Baltimore.

The film is about one of those bright crooks who leaves his card on every corpse and calls his shots at least a day in advance. Sheer hokum, it has a transparent plot and leaves much of the monkey business unexplained and unexplainable. The cast includes Chester Morris, H. L. Stephenson, Vivienne Osborne and Grant Mitchell. To tell what part each plays would give away what little plot there is.

The picture, however, has one redeeming feature, if the reaction of the audience is a guide. The cop comedy offered by Frank McHugh and Allen Jenkins was received with delight by

THE LIGHTED WINDOW

Due to the many requests we have had for a copy of the following address, we are printing it herewith for the benefit of the people of our community, and with the hope that the sound ideas may prove inspiring and helpful.

My Friends of "The Lighted Window:"

For five years I have been speaking during the winter from WCAO on all kinds of subjects. But I have never been so enthusiastic about any subject as I am about the one which I bring to you tonight.

Look back with me for a moment to 1914, when we were much more economical and humbler than we are today. Then the World War came, and our participation in it. Money flowed freely in an effort to win the war. Prices went to the sky. The war closed, America, too much of which has always been dedicated to selfish financial success, figured it this way: easy money means big business, high prices mean high standards of living, big valuations mean big salaries, big taxes mean progressive government—so we lived for about ten years. Then our own bubble bursted. It bursted on its own steam. If you want the cause of the present situation in one word, we need only three letters: War.

So the material assets of America have become at stake. It is my own conviction that if the Government had confiscated wealth at the same time it drafted men to win the war, our entire financial fabric might be different today. While many boys gave their lives, became cripples or came back permanently injured, while parents had their hearts broken, a new crop of unworthy rich sprung up in America. Luxury became a necessity. The suicide era opened wide. People began to speculate with other people's money. One's social standing was determined by how much one had or at least had on paper. Somewhere between the level of living of 1914 and 1929 is the truth. Finding that place is the issue of the present hour.

So this has been called a tragic hour. It is a tragic hour, and therefore it is a great hour. Christopher Columbus staked his life on a possible tragedy in facing the uncharted Atlantic, but out of a tragedy he discovered America. George Washington, Patrick Henry, your fathers and mine staked their lives on a tragedy, but out of it a new nation was born.

Have you ever seen the picture of George Washington in prayer at Valley Forge as Issac Potts saw him? Valley Forge was a tragedy, but out of it a nation came.

Gettysburg was a tragedy. Many of you listening in tonight lost loved ones at Gettysburg. But only because of the tragedy of Gettysburg could Lincoln say of Government of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish from the earth."

The Cross of Christ was a tragedy —it was not soft wood, it was hard and rugged, but out of it a new world can be born.

These are hard days—so were the days of Washington, and Lincoln, and Christ. We have almost forgotten the names of many of our Presidents in days of great prosperity. We remember those immortal souls who found their immortality through courage in a day of crisis.

Immortality is not made out of softness. We do not erect great buildings upon sand or stucco, but out of hard rock. History is written with sharp points and not with soft brushes. Comfort is fleeting. Hard things are eternal. Crises make history. When life goes along like a song, historians have nothing to write.

Do you remember when you studied the stirring scenes of Lexington and Concord in Revolutionary history? Do you remember how your blood tingled as you read, "Here the embattled farmer stood and fired the shot heard round the world"? Do you remember the heroic chapters of Lee and Grant and Stonewall Jackson? There were giants in those days. I wonder when our great-grandchildren get to the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades in school and are taught the history of our days, whether there will be any giants to study about.

You Jewish friends tonight, I beg you to remember the iron courage of Jeremiah that was won for him the title, "the one clear-eyed man of his generation."

You Roman Catholic friends, I beg you to remember the sacrificial courage of St. Francis of Assisi, who deliberately surrendered his birthright and chose poverty because of the courage his faith brought to him.

You Protestant friends, I beg you to remember Martin Luther, who staked his life and his all through the courage his faith brought to him, or that Elbert Hubbard can write, "There never lived a braver man." I beg you to remember John Calvin and the Pope's reported tribute to him, "The strength of that heretic lies in his utter disregard of money." Hear Calvin's spiritual descendants cry, "The first purpose of man is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever."

The faith of Jeremiah, Francis of Assisi, Martin Luther, John Calvin are blended into the faith of America. Sons and daughters of such men cannot fail.

It has been many days since I received from any speech what I got from Franklin D. Roosevelt's inaugural address. As he came to its conclusion, I wondered for a moment whether I was listening to Harry Emerson Fosdick, Dan Poling, Bishop Freeman or whom pronouncing a religious benediction.

We all realized that the new President had already gone to church before he decided to attend the greatest day of his life, but those closing words of his inaugural address will be immortal: "In this dedication of a nation we humbly ask the blessing of God. May He protect each and every one of us. May He guide me in the days to come."

The conclusion that I prefer to call a benediction is an echo of those eternal words God spoke to Abraham, "Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred and, from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee; And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee and make thy name great—in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed."

Those same words of God to Abram were read by the pastor of one of the greatest groups that ever left European shores for America as the company embarked. If these words have come true in the Hebrew nation, they have also come true in the life of America. This country was not founded by fugitives from justice or cowardly runaways from the hard traditions of Europe. This nation, which in 157 years has outdistanced every other nation and is today the richest country on earth, was born from the loins and the best blood Europe ever had.

Yes, we are rich. The question is whether we are also great—great enough to handle our resources, great enough to master our destinies. Have we the brain, the moral daring, the spiritual vision to open the clogged channels of money, business and material things, or will the material things master us? America has never known defeat. We have never put up the white flag, nor have we surrendered our arms. We will not surrender now to the money bags of Judas.

The words of Hugh Walpole were never truer than now, "Courage, my brother, is the principal thing." Courage is more than physical enthusiasm. It is not another word for nervousness. It is more than the tears of a moment. It is more than temporary determination. It is confidence in our neighbors, it is patience, it is belief in personal and national destiny, it is respect for another's point of view, it is cooperation of the finest order, it is faith in the present and future. Such courage is what Washington prayed for at Valley Forge and that Lincoln meant when he said, "Many times I have been driven to my knees in prayer because I had nowhere else to go."

I believe that the spirit of Washington and Lincoln is today incarnated in Franklin Roosevelt. Telling the story of Roosevelt's movements Sunday, the Baltimore Sun this morning said, "In the dim light of St. Thomas' Church, President Roosevelt today reconsecrated himself to his nation's welfare in simple communion with his God." If the rest of us will do likewise, we will win. Prayer and God cooperation will take us anywhere.

I shall never forget the tribute Anna Howard Shaw paid to the American flag. Said she on a night that is memorable in my life, "Those red stripes stand for all the blood that has been spilt to make America possible. Those white stripes stand for the ideals for which that blood was spilt: conscience, liberty, freedom, brotherhood, peace. Those stars on the field of blue stand for the hope of the world." Blue stands for truth and the stars stand for God.

We are going to find out who our real Americans are and who like this country only for what they can get out of it. Do you have a smile from your heart when you sing:

"I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills
Like that above"?

If a man can smile from his heart when he sings those words, then he is ready to make his prayer:

"Our fathers' God, to Thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright,
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King."

"Faith of our fathers living still, we will be true to thee till death." With that courage we cannot fail. We will conquer. Franklin Roosevelt, God bless you. Lead on; we follow.

The above address was delivered last Monday night over Station WCAO

By DR. OSCAR F. BLACKWELDER
in "THE LIGHTED WINDOW" SERIES

Beginning Monday next, Dr. Blackwelder will be on the air over Station

WCAO

AT 6.15 P. M.
(Instead of 6.30 P. M. as Heretofore)

Jockey Rides Perrecuy. Mrs. Whitney's Stable Gains First Purse

[*By the Associated Press*]

Miami, Fla., March 8—The Anton J. Cermak Memorial, the mile feature at Hialeah Park, named in honor of the Mayor of Chicago, who visited the track earlier in the season, today was won by Mrs. Jack Howard's filly, Ebony Lady, the favorite, with a length to spare over five other Florida Derby candidates.

Carrying only 99 pounds, a part of which was Silvio Coucci, the daughter of Flying Ebony ran the distance in the fast time of 1.37 1-5 to win her fourth race in six starts over the oval. She was second the other two times out.

Inlander Length Behind

Mrs. Dodge Sloane's Inlander was a length behind in second place, with Mrs. A. J. Contento's Golden Fate third, another length to the rear. Inlander, ridden by Dominick Bellizzi, broke tardily, made up a lot of ground but was handled poorly in the run down the stretch.

Ebony Lady paid the short odds of $3.50 for $2.

Mrs. Whitney's Colors Lead

St. Christopher, slated to be sold at auction Saturday, gave Mrs. John Hay Whitney her first victory of the meeting, when he captured the opening event by three lengths.

After winning the second race with Interruption, Jockey F. Case suffered a fractured vertebra, when he was thrown from Miss Axenstein in the fourth race, which was run on the turf.

Hialeah Park Results

[*By the Associated Press*]

FIRST RACE—Purse $800; claiming; for 3-year-olds and up; one mile.
Christopher, 103 (H. Mills)..$8.90, $5.50, $3.90
Shoo, 99 (H. Dabson).....$24.60, $14.10
Loyal Louie, 114 (J. Leyland).....$8.80
Time—1.40.
Also Ran—Canterwood, Lady Sweet, Daily News, Plutarch and Oaten.

SECOND—Purse $700; claiming; for 2-year-olds; 3 furlongs.
Interruption, 111 (F. Case)..$10.70, $5.40, $4.30
Betty Wee, 115 (B. Hanford).....$3.60, $2.80
Easy Come, 115 (E. Pool).....$6.00
Time—:34 2-5.
Also Ran—Bramble Broom, Grey Sash, Big Dipper, Chocolate Drop, Altena, Flaghorn and Ragtown Belle.

THIRD—Purse $700; claiming; for 3-year-olds; six furlongs.
Zorana, 104 (H. Dabson)....$6.20, $4.40, $3.20
Wayward Lad, 114 (J. Gilbert)....$10.00, $5.50
Primer, 114 (B. Hanford).....$5.70
Time—1.12 1-5.
Also Ran—Sweeperman, Screech, Le Bruyere, Don Carlos, Chiltenby, Orley, Baptism and Bichleride.

FOURTH—Purse $800; the Blue Moon; for maiden 3-year-olds; mile and a sixteenth on the turf.
Plum Wild, 112 (S. Renick)..$58.20, $31.50, $12
Electric Gaff, 112 (D. Belizzi).....$4.40, $4.00
Just Remember, 107 (J. Gilbert).....$8.10
Time—1.46 1-5.
Also Ran—Court Martial, Pot Au Pluck,

FAIR GROUNDS TO REOPEN MEET

New Orleans Racing Se For Saturday—Club Ma Extend Meeting

[*By the Associated Press*]

New Orleans, March 8—Definite de cision to reopen the Fair Grounds rac track here next Saturday was announc today by the Crescent City Jock Club, but the 2-year-old championsh stake originally scheduled for that da was postponed for a week.

The stake postponement was decide upon because owners said they had n been able to properly train for th event since the temporary closure c the track due to the bank holiday.

May Extend Season

The jockey club said it was consider ing a petition of racing stables here t extend the winter race meeting for week beyond March 18 to make up fo days lost this week.

The petition also contains a sugges tion that the track deduct twenty-fiv per cent. from each purse for the re maining racing days with which t create a fund "to relieve any distres in the racing colony."

The Fair Grounds management sai the petition would probably be grante "if the situation clears sufficiently."

Whippet Club Meeting To Be Held Tonigh

The Whippet Club will hold its bi monthly meeting tonight in the club rooms on the Falls road at Brookland ville.

Officials of the reorganized club in vite the public to attend the session, a which plans for the season will be dis cussed.

Owners and trainers are turning ou in large numbers Sunday mornings a the Brooklandville track to put thei dogs through workouts. Fans are in vited to watch the performances turne in by the canines.

Merkle, Medalist, Wins